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Toddler Immunization Month Urges Parents to “Immunize On Time, Every Time!”

San Bernardino: The County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health will promote May, 2012 as Toddler Immunization Month (TIM). This year, parents are being encouraged to immunize their toddlers on time, every time. TIM is an annual observance which emphasizes the importance of fully immunizing toddler’s ages 1-3 years old against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Now is the perfect time to schedule an appointment with your toddler’s medical provider to check that immunizations are on track with the recommended immunizations. Toddlers need timely immunizations to protect themselves and their communities from vaccine-preventable diseases.

“Immunizations are one of the most effective ways available to help prevent disease and death,” said Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D., San Bernardino County Health Officer. “Families, health care professionals and public health officials must work together to help protect the entire community. A decision to immunize your toddler is a decision to protect them, their family members, and the entire community as well.”

Some of the immunizations that toddlers can receive are Hepatitis B, Polio and Pertussis (whooping cough). Check with your toddler’s medical provider or clinic to find out what immunizations are needed. Immunizing your toddler on time and every time helps ensure a healthy family.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to talk to their toddler’s medical provider to ensure that they are on track and up-to-date on immunizations. If your toddler does not have health insurance or is underinsured, ask your medical provider or local health department for information about the Vaccines for Children Program which provides vaccines at low-cost. For public health clinic locations, schedules and appointments, call 1(800) 722-4777, Monday - Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or visit the Department website at www.sbcounty.gov/dph.

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